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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

11 a.m.	4063rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Burundi".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/54/L.20) [36]

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services: letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/531) [17 (i)]

3. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/54/L.16) [37]

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: draft resolution (A/54/L.6/Rev.1) [106]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

Effects of atomic radiation [86] (A/54/46, A/C.4/54/L.20)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.20 *(item 99 (a))* and A/C.2/54/L.21 *(item 99 (c))*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.15 *(item 100 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/54/L.18 *(item 100 (d))*

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17 *(item 100)* and A/C.2/54/L.18 *(item 100 (d))*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 40th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 41st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.54 and L.55

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.26 and L.28/Rev.1

4. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.50

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491)

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499, A/54/527-S/1999/1125, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

7. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [116 (d)]

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Regular programme of technical cooperation (Part V, section 21) *(continued)*

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Human rights (Part VI, section 22 and A/53/643) *(continued)*

Protection of and assistance to refugees (Part VI, section 23 and A/C.5/54/15)

Palestine refugees (Part VI, section 24)

Humanitarian assistance (Part VI, section 25)

Part VII: Public information (Section 26 and A/C.5/54/27)

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3

Part VIII: Common support services

Management and central support services (Part VIII, section 27)

Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management (Part VIII, section 27A)

Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (Part VIII, section 27B)

Office of Human Resources Management (Part VIII, section 27C, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21 and A/53/955)

Office of Central Support Services (Part VIII, section 27D and A/C.5/54/25)

Administration, Geneva (Part VIII, section 27E)

Administration, Vienna (Part VIII, section 27F)

Administration, Nairobi (Part VIII, section 27G)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning nationality of natural persons in relation to succession of States

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; Performance of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; Conditions of services of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

2. Meeting with Mr. Karl Th. Paschke, Under-Secretary-General, Office of Internal Oversight Services

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 10 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on items 98 (b) (Business and development); 101 (a): World Summit for Children; and 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 109: United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW))

4.15 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6.15 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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There will be a closed meeting of the South Pacific Countries (SOPAC) *today*, 10 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) will be held *today*, 10 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar entitled "A World Without Poverty: A Collaborative Approach to Strategic Poverty Reduction", organized by the World Bank, *today*, 10 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarwar Lateef, Senior Advisor on Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank, will make a presentation. Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the seminar. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [165]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee

** Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Second Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

In the context of the discussions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and the reduction of poverty, there will be a panel discussion on the theme "Global Campaign on Secure Tenure". H.E. Mr. Ole Peter Kolby, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations, will moderate the event. Mr. William Cobbett, Acting Head of the Shelter Branch of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), Ms. Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, and Ms. Ethel Velez, President of James Johnson Public Housing, will be among the panellists. The event, which is being organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 248th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 11 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a closed meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Thursday, 11 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. There will be a briefing by the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme)* on Friday, 12 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Panel discussions

The UNICEF NGO Sub-Working Group on Children in Armed Conflicts will hold a panel discussion on the plight of Sierra Leonan children on Thursday, 11 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, Professor Samuel Huntington, Harvard University, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of UNESCO, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

Mr. Maurice F. Strong, President of the Council on the University for Peace, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments relating to the revitalization of the University for Peace, especially in the light of General Assembly discussions under agenda item 21 (University for Peace) (document A/54/312), and on the forthcoming Council session, te be held in San José (Costa Rica) from 21 to 23 November 1999. The briefing will be held on Monday, 15 November 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 10th meeting

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the revised text of its draft resolution B. It also adopted, without a vote, the text of the revised draft decision.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information also made a statement.

The twenty-first session of the Committee was then declared closed.

Tuesday, 9 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

50th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [33]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/259)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.11)

H.E. Mr. Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, President of the National Assembly of Cuba, made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.11.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Argentina, Viet Nam, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mali, Zambia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Namibia, Jamaica, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Iraq, South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States and Belarus.

By 155 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.11 (resolution 54/21).

The representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines made a statement on a point of order.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Brazil, China, Norway and Australia.

The representative of Cameroon made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 26th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.12/Rev.2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 65 to none, with 58 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.18*, as follows: operative paragraph 7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to 3, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 18 was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to none, with 5 abstentions; and the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.18*, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 90 to 13, with 37 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21/Rev.1, as follows: eighth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 to 2, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 4 (b) was adopted by a recorded vote of 77 to 45, with 16 abstentions; and the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 81 to 45, with 13 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.9/Rev.1, as follows: second preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 130 to 1, with 4 abstentions; operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 134 to 2, with 3 abstentions; operative paragraph 9 was adopted by a recorded vote of 103 to 1, with 27 abstentions; and the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.9/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 128 to none, with 12 abstentions.

27th meeting

The Committee concluded its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Action on draft resolutions

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.30.

Conclusion of the third stage of the Committee's work

The Chairman made a concluding statement and declared the work of the First Committee on disarmament and international security items concluded for the fifty-fourth session.

The representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the associated States), Lebanon (on behalf of Arab States), South Africa (on behalf of the Members of the United Nations which are members of the Non-Aligned Movement), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian Group of States), Algeria (on behalf of African States) and Liechtenstein (on behalf of the Western European and other States), as well as Argentina and Peru, made statements.

SECOND COMMITTEE

35th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.23

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Training and research [102]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the Director of the United Nations Staff College at Turin.

A statement was also made by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UNITAR.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus and Malta), Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Nigeria, Israel, Suriname (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Jordan, China and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 102.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.26

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are Members of the European Union) introduced the draft resolution.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The representative of the Regional Commissions New York Office made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen and Jordan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

36th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.22

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Turkey) and informed the Committee that the draft resolution should be under agenda item 100.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Tunisia, Egypt, the Sudan, Lebanon, Qatar and Pakistan.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus and Malta), the Russian Federation, Belarus, Ukraine, Venezuela, Egypt and China.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 12.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to the request of the Group of 77 and China to an extension of the deadline for submission of draft resolutions under 98 (b) (Business and development) until Friday, 12 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Luthiania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland), Canada, China, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Guatemala, Mongolia, Costa Rica and Yemen, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

39th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

The representative of Guyana, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as the sponsors listed in the document and Australia, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg and Norway, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.53

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

The Secretary read out a statement on programme budget implications of the draft resolution, which also applied to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52.

The Secretary also read out the correction which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

The Russian Federation, Solomon Islands and the Democratic Republic of the Congo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.52

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the oral statement read out by the Secretary in connection with draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45.

The representative of Sweden orally corrected the text and announced that Bulgaria, Georgia, Latvia and Luxembourg had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Ecuador and Belarus joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternatives approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of the subitems and heard statements by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, San Marino, Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kenya, Venezuela, Cyprus, Lebanon, Myanmar, Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and India.

The representative of the European Commission made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Malaysia, Iraq, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Burundi.

Organization of work

It was announced that on Wednesday, 10 November, in the afternoon, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.49, under agenda item 112, and take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.54 and L.55, under agenda item 110; A/C.3/54/L.26 and L.28/Rev.1, under agenda item 114; and A/C.3/54/L.50, under agenda item 116 (a). The Committee was further informed that on Thursday, 11 November, in the afternoon, it would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.46 and L.49, under agenda item 112, and A/C.3/54/L.53, under agenda item 116 (a).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised at the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 2 November 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Turkey, Cuba, Pakistan, New Zealand, Algeria, Canada and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later date.

The Chairman made a statement.

32nd meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

Part VI: Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 22. Human rights

Section 23. Protection of and assistance to refugees

Section 24. Palestine refugees

Section 25. Humanitarian assistance

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced sections 22 to 25 of Part VI (A/54/7).

Part V: Regional cooperation for development

Section 19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Ecuador, Brazil, Japan, Cuba, the United States and Canada.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 20. Economic and social development in Western Asia

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Cuba, the United States, Canada and Nigeria.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed its first reading of section 20 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Australia made a general statement regarding Part V (Regional cooperation for development), in particular sections 16 to 20.

The representative of Algeria made a statement on section 16.

Section 21. Regular programme of technical cooperation

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Algeria, Cuba, India, Canada, Uganda and the United States.

The Director of the Budget Division and the Controller replied to questions raised.

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Statements were made by the representative of the Philippines on section 22; the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta Liechtenstein and Norway (on sections 22-25); on section 22, by the representatives of Algeria, China, Cameroon, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Cuba, India (on section 25); on section 22, by the representatives of Uganda, the United States, Nigeria and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 1999

393rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Malta (CAT/C/29/Add.6). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee discussed issues relating to the draft optional protocol to the Convention.

394th (closed) meeting

Consideration of information received under article 20 of the Convention [5]

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the items in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Burkina Faso (4 November 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: Slovakia (3 November 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

On the occcasion of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a special event will be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the General Assembly Hall, immediately following the adjournment of the General Assembly commemoration starting at 10 a.m. The event will be chaired by the President of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab. Participants will be the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, Ms. Carol Bellamy, the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Mr. Olara Otunnu, the Acting Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms. Marilia Sardenberg, and the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Paolo Fulci.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A musical event of Uzbek songs, music and dances, entitled "Pearls of the East", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations in connection with the Days of Culture of Uzbekistan in the United States, will be held on Friday, 12 November 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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